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SUBJECT: BRUNEI SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. VIEWS ON WAR ON TERROR

REF: A. SECSTATE 146996

[1](#)B. BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN 213 (NOTAL)

Classified By: DCM Justin Friedman, reasons 1.4 (b) & (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Charge delivered Ref A points on the President's Announcement on detainees and U.S. views on the War on Terror separately to USA Desk Officer at the MFAT Arni Abu Bakar and Deputy Director of the Research Department (Brunei's external intelligence service) at MFAT Bustamam Hj Abang on September [1](#)7. Both indicated that the GoB fully understood USG views about the need to develop new tools to counter the threat of terrorism.

[1](#)2. (S/NF) Bustamam said that the GoB welcomed USG initiatives in Southeast Asia to counter regional groups that impact Brunei, including Abu Sayaf Group and Jemaah Islamiyah. Bustamam added that although Internal Security Department (ISD) had the lead on responding to specific threats or incidents, the Research Department was working to expand its liaison relationships (Ref B) with foreign services to enhance its ability to detect and predict potential terrorism threats.
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